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BULBS FOR SPRING PLANTING

☆ **GLADIOLUS**

☆ **BEGONIAS**

(Tuberous Rooted)

☆ **DAHLIAS**

☆ **MONTBRETIAS**

☆ **TIGRIDIAS**

☆ **CALLA LILIES**



Visitors Welcome At Wilshire Gardens

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Earlham Large Flowered Hybrid Montbretias

These are the magnificent new Montbretias which have attracted so much attention the last year or two at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower shows. They are generally much taller and more robust than the old style Montbretia, the flowers much larger, some measuring 3 to 4 inches in diameter. In severe climates spring planting is best and they can be given the same treatment as gladioli. Plant 3 to 4 inches deep in full sun. They need rich, light soil with plenty of moisture.

CECIL—Very tall with large flowers of buff yellow with apricot eye.

GOLDFINCH—Bright yellow with small maroon blotches in the center, outer petals heavily shaded brilliant cherry-scarlet.

HIS MAJESTY—Flowers measuring 4 inches across, very broad petalled; deep velvety scarlet shading down to gold, back of petals crimson shading down to gold.

LEMON QUEEN—Creamy yellow with pale center and deep orange buds.

Your Garden and the War . .

With the outbreak of war we were faced with the question how our bulb growing business was going to fit into the picture.

Then came word from the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture who had met with some 250 officers of garden clubs, horticultural associations and editors of garden and farm magazines.

Knowing that conditions are far different now than during World War I they wished to prevent the hysteria which had led to plowing up lawns and golf courses and subsequent wasting of seed and fertilizers.

They realized that ornamental gardening provides a means of maintaining physical and mental health; that it upholds morale in times of strain and worry.

Therefore, they recommend that Americans keep up or improve their own gardens and make further efforts to landscape playgrounds and public parks.

England, through all her trials has kept up her gardens. She has kept up her flower shows for which she is justly noted. She has kept up her morale.

Americans will do the same.

Wilshire Gardens



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MARJORIE—Large open flowers, orange yellow with crimson center; perfectly flat when open.

PRINCESS—Brilliant ruby-scarlet, center yellow with crimson blotches.

PRINCESS MARY—A beautifully shaped flower, pale yellow petals with red tips, three of the petals bright crimson on the reverse side.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE—Of free branching habit, flowers orange-scarlet, center shading to primrose with ruby markings.

QUEEN OF SPAIN—Large flowers of brilliant, deep golden-orange, reverse of petals golden apricot.

STAR OF THE EAST—Soft orange-yellow petals with a pale lemon center.

UNA—A lovely combination of apricot, orange and crimson.

Large Bulbs, each 15c; 3 for 40c; dozen \$1.50.

MIXTURE—Containing all colors and shades—\$1.00 a dozen.

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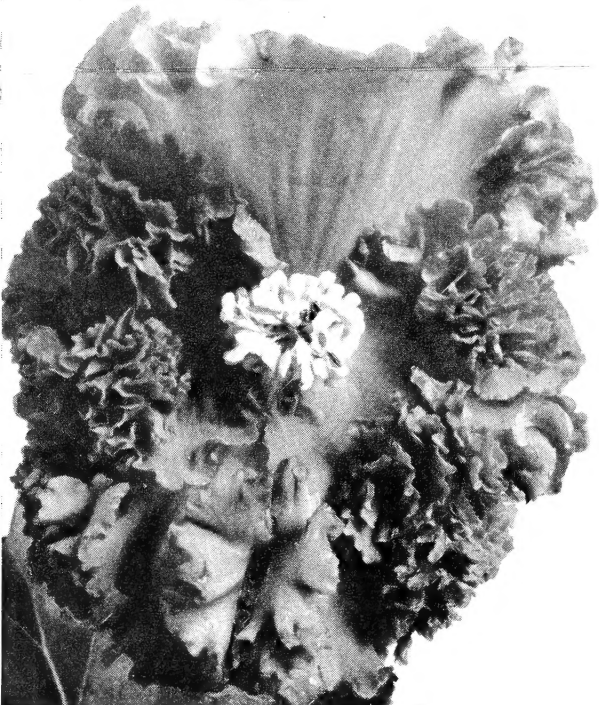
Washington customers kindly remember 3% retail sales tax.

Remittance may be made by check or money order. Stamps accepted on small orders only. C. O. D. orders accepted if 25% is mailed with the order.

On orders amounting to \$5.00 or more we will add extra bulbs of the same or another variety to the amount of 10% of the value of your order.



DOUBLE CAMELLIA TYPE BEGONIA



CRESTED TYPE BEGONIA



GIANT SINGLE TYPE BEGONIA

Tuberous Rooted Begonias

This lovely type of Begonia with its large and exquisite blooms is becoming more popular each year. It grows and blooms in shady places, under trees, in beds, in porch boxes, or tubs, in places where other flowers will not thrive. Our stock was secured from the Vetterle & Reinelt Hybridizing Gardens, whose Begonia exhibits received the Gold Medal at the Golden Gate Exposition.

GIANT SINGLE TYPE—The flowers of this type are enormous, sometimes reaching a size of from 8 to 12 inches in diameter. It is fine for use in tubs or for bedding.

SINGLE FRILLED TYPE (CRISPA)—The large flowers are beautifully ruffled and frilled.

CRESTED TYPE (CRISTATA)—A beautiful show type, the plants being covered with masses of flowers having a crested formation on each petal.

The above types come in white, pink, rose, yellow, salmon, orange, scarlet and dark red.

DOUBLE CAMELLIA TYPE—This is the most popular double type, having very large double flowers resembling a camellia or rose. Comes in the above eight colors, also American Beauty and Blush.

DOUBLE PICOTEE—Flowers slightly smaller than the Camellia Type but of the same beautiful form; two-tone color combinations with the contrasting color at the edge of the petals. Colors: Pink, rose, salmon, and apricot.

DOUBLE ROSEBUD—Exquisite flowers resembling perfect rosebuds, with beautiful two-tone, pastel-shade coloring. Colors: Blush, rose and salmon.

CARNATION TYPE—Full double flower with each petal fringed like a carnation. Mixed colors.

HANGING BASKET TYPE—The most attractive of the Tuberous Begonias; grown in hanging baskets, pots or tubs, they are very decorative, being covered with great masses of blooms. Mixed colors.

Large size tubers of all above varieties 25c each; \$2.50 per dozen.

Calla Lilies

WHITE CALLA (*Zantedeschia Aethiopica*)—Large white flowers on 3 to 5-foot stems. Luxuriant dark green foliage. In a warm climate they may be left in the ground for a number of years; in colder sections they may be lifted in the fall and stored until spring or flowered in the house. Each 25c.

YELLOW CALLA (*Z. Elliottiana*)—A beautiful golden yellow blossom, foliage dark green spotted silvery white. Very showy. Height 2½ to 3 feet. Each 25c.

PINK CALLA (*Z. Rehmannii*)—Small dainty flowers in lovely rose pink; leaves slender and of lighter green than *C. Aethiopica*. Each 50c.

BLACK CALLA (*Arum Pictum*)—Flower a deep purple, almost black, no scent. Blooms in the spring. Dormant shipping season July to November. Each 50c

DAHLIAS

Dainty Pompon Dahlias

The flowers of the Pompon Dahlias are of the ball type and are very small, measuring from 1 to 1½ inches in diameter. The plants are of stocky growth, branching habit, and produce a profusion of flowers until frost.

Each 25c; 10 for \$2.00

AMBER QUEEN—Amber.

ANNA VON SCHWERIN—Small, shell pink, white center.

BIT O' LILAC—Lilac.

GRETCHEN HEINE—Rose white tinted carmine.

LITTLE DAVID—Deep orange.

MARY MUNNS—Fuschia.

ROSA WILMOUTH—Deep rose pink.

SNOW CLAD—White.

SUNNY DAYBREAK—Lemon yellow tipped red.

TAKA'S PURPLE—Bright phlox purple.

VIVID—Scarlet.

YELLOW GEM—Yellow.

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DARKEST OF ALL—Deep maroon.

Each 35c.

Miniature Dahlias

The Miniatures are similar in form to the large flowered varieties but measure only 2½ to 3½ inches in diameter. They are profuse bloomers and make lovely bouquets.

BABY ROYAL (Semi-Cactus)—Salmon pink, yellow at base of petals. Each 35c.

BABY SAGAMORE (Formal Decorative)—Amber yellow suffused with peach red. Each 50c.

CORONNE (Informal Decorative)—Pure white. Each 35c.

ELIZABETH PAPE (Cactus)—Lovely salmon pink. Each 50c.

FAIRY (Formal Decorative)—Rose pink tinted lavender. Each 35c.

MARKET QUEEN (Informal Decorative)—Red and white. Each 35c.

PERSIMMON (Formal Decorative)—Orange flame. Each 35c.

RAPTURE (Informal Decorative)—Rose pink shading to sulphur yellow at the center. Each 50c.

Anemones

ANEMONE DE CAEN—Brilliantly colored single cup-shaped blossoms. Very showy in the garden and fine for cutting. Mixed colors in blue, white and scarlet.

Jumbo size bulbs 70c a dozen

Medium size bulbs 60c a dozen

Ranunculus

DOUBLE RANUNCULUS—Large double and semi-double gorgeously colored flowers. Colors range from a straw color through the yellow, orange, and red shades to a dark crimson. Very fine for cutting as well as being very showy in the garden.

Jumbo size bulbs 65c a dozen

Medium size bulbs 55c a dozen

Hardy Garden Lilies

LILIUM FORMOSANUM (Incense Lily)—This is rapidly becoming one of the most popular of the large trumpet Lilies. Flowers are white with emerald green throat and violet shading on the outside of the petals. They have up to eight blossoms on a 4- to 6-foot stem. Very fragrant. Flower in September and October.
Large bulbs 25c each. Dozen \$2.50.

L. REGALE (Regal Lily)—The best known of all the hardy Lilies. Does well in any soil. A lovely sweet scented white trumpet-shaped flower shaded purplish pink at the base on the outside, yellow at the center on the inside.
Large bulbs 20c each. Dozen \$2.00.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Plant a bed of **GLADIOLUS**

★ *Red*
★ *White and*
★ *Blue*

DR. F. E. BENNETT—Tall brilliant red; large flowers. **Per dozen 50c.**

MAID OF ORLEANS—Tall fine white; large flowers. **Per dozen 50c.**

PELEGRINA—The most beautiful of the blues. **Per dozen 60c.**

36 Bulbs, one dozen of each color for \$1.45.

Gladiolus

The most popular of all summer flowering bulbs

The following varieties have been given a very high rating by the New England Gladiolus Society and we know you will be very proud to have any or all of them blooming in your garden. The bulbs are all top size and are priced by the dozen. You may order six at the dozen rate and 100 at seven times the dozen rate.

WHITE — CREAM

MAID OF ORLEANS—Tall, fine white, large flowers, standard commercial white. **Per dozen 50c.**

MARGARET BEATON—One of the finest of the recent introductions; tall, very large, clear white with a cherry blotch in the throat. **Each 25c; Per dozen \$2.50.**

ROSEMARIE PFITZER—A favorite exhibition variety. Cream white often flecked or shaded with pink.
Per dozen 65c.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE—Creamy white with a darker cream throat; heavily ruffled with individual florets six inches across. The very best in its color class.
Per dozen 70c.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM—A very popular white, the best on the cut flower market, many large blooms open at one time; stalks five feet tall. **Per dozen 65c.**

SHADES OF YELLOW AND ORANGE

GOLDEN DREAM—A tall, strong grower of clear, deep yellow. **Per dozen 55c.**

GATE OF HEAVEN—A beautiful, rich, deep yellow, florets ruffled, buds a lovely greenish yellow. A beautiful flower.
Per dozen 65c.

ORANGE SOVEREIGN—An extra fine orange, given a top rating in the flower shows. **Per dozen 60c.**

SHADES OF PINK AND SALMON

ALADDIN—A bright salmon pink with a large cream blotch. Very large ruffled blossoms. Has won many prizes.
Each 15c. Per dozen \$1.50.

DEBONAIR—Tall, sturdy spikes of La-France pink. Very popular for cutting.
Per dozen 55c.

DUNA—Soft pinkish buff without markings. Very beautiful. **Per dozen 55c.**

PICARDY—A beautiful apricot pink with many large blooms open at one time. For several years this variety has been the most popular of all gladioli in both home and commercial gardens.
Per dozen 55c.

SHADES OF RED

BEACON—A bright rose red with a large cream blotch in the throat. One of the most outstanding recent introductions.
Per dozen 90c.

COMMANDER KOEHL—A rich, deep red with no blotch. Massive blooms on long straight stems. **Per dozen 60c.**

DR. F. E. BENNETT—Tall, brilliant red; a dependable variety for many seasons.
Per dozen 50c.

J. S. BACH—Salmon red with white mid-rib. A wonderful exhibition variety and one of the largest of the early blooming gladiolus. **Per dozen 70c.**

MOORISH KING—Extremely large, beautiful deep velvety red. Vigorous grower.
Per dozen \$1.00.

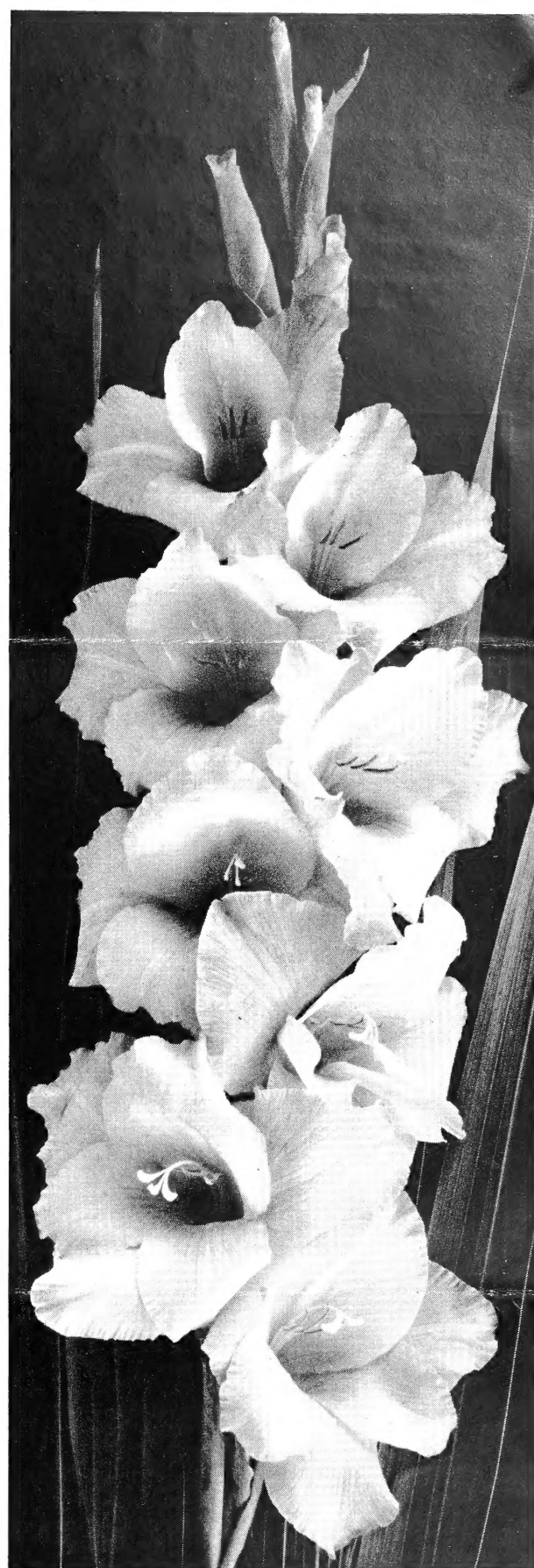
SHADES OF LAVENDER, BLUE, VIOLET AND PURPLE

JOSEPH HAYDN—Pale blue violet with a velvety purple blotch. One of the newer varieties and very lovely.
Each 25c. Per dozen \$2.50.

KING LEAR—Large beautifully ruffled deep velvety purple. Given the highest rating of all the purples in last season's shows. **Each 15c. Per dozen \$1.50.**

MINUET—The most popular of the lavenders. **Per dozen 65c.**

PELEGRINA—A deep indigo blue, the best of the blues. **Per dozen 60c.**



PICARDY

SMOKIES

MOTHER MACHREE—A lovely golden smoky lavender. **Per dozen 60c.**

ZUNI—Very large spikes with florets of smoky rose and slate. **Per dozen \$1.25.**

MIXTURE

WILSHIRE GARDENS RAINBOW MIXTURE—These are top size bulbs all colors and shades, a fine mixture for cutting or bedding.
30 bulbs for \$1.00.

TIGRIDIAS

SCARLET GIANT—This is the rarest and most beautiful of the entire *Tigridia* family. The blossoms are immense, with scarlet petals surrounding a cup of deep orange entirely without spots.

Each 18c; per dozen \$1.80.

VAGABOND PRINCE—Pure white petals with an immense cup filled with maroon spots. Giant blossoms.

Each 15c; per dozen \$1.50.

AZTEC CHIEF—Blazing scarlet petals with deep red spots in cup. Each 13c; per dozen \$1.30.

GYPSY MAID—Clear, shining yellow petals with maroon spotted centers. Each 14c; per dozen \$1.40.

SUNSET GLOW—Petals almost orange in color, with streaks of scarlet from the cup to the edge of the petals. Each 14c; per dozen \$1.40.

ROSE KING—Petals of fascinating rose color, white cup with wine-red spots. Each 15c; per dozen \$1.50.

BUCCANEER—Flashing scarlet petals, deep orange cup filled with maroon spots.

Each 16c; per dozen \$1.60.

CANARY QUEEN—Petals of soft chrome yellow, silken white cup, with the faintest of spots. It sometimes has extra petals so that it appears to be almost double. Each 18c; per dozen \$1.80.

TIGRIDIAS—In unnamed varieties we have the following colors:

Cream3 for 25c; per dozen .80

Lavender3 for 35c; per dozen \$1.10

Peach3 for 40c; per dozen \$1.30

Wine3 for 25c; per dozen .80

Mixed Tigridias—Per dozen 80c

Send for our Fall Bulb Catalog

In August we will mail our illustrated catalog of Daffodils, Tulips, Iris, Lilies and other spring flowering bulbs. The mild climate and long growing season of the Pacific Northwest where our Gardens are located, produce the very best bulbs that can be grown anywhere. Our bulbs are all hand dug and graded. Each order receives our personal attention. If you wish a copy of our fall catalog, please make a note on your spring order or drop us a card with your name and address and we will be glad to send you a copy.



WILSON'S IMPROVED

Tigridias

(Mexican Tiger Flower)

The gorgeous *Tigridia* is a tropical flower which can be grown in any section of the United States. It has three richly colored, silken petals surrounding a deep cup usually spotted maroon or blood red. Each bulb develops several clusters of long green buds which open into blossoms 5 to 6 inches in diameter. The bulbs may be planted in any good garden soil containing plenty of humus and will blossom from midsummer until frost.